

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021
(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Shelly Maynes representing Judy Dowd, Amy Dumont, Marcia Eckerd, Ann Gionet, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Andrew Komarow, Mickey Kramer, Andrew Komarow, Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Kerski, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Doriana Vicedomini, Julie Wolf

Members Absent: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Stephen Byers, Jill Caron, Melissa Gagne, Kari Sassu, Tammy V DDS

Others: Jennifer Krom, Alice Ridgway

Call to Order: 10:03am

Welcome and Roll Call

Housing Discussion/Update:

- Potential use of monies to be used for Housing
- Question regarding “Center for Excellence”
- Short-term goal
- Amy James and Andrew Komarow gave update from Housing meeting
- Waiver priorities
- Trout Brook Housing
- Potential presentations from consultants
- Yana requested the need for more support/safety net
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Waitlist List Concerns/Priorities

Review and Approval of March 17,2021 Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve by Doriana and seconded by Andrew Komarow

ASD Waiver Update by Amy Dumont:

- 1084 individuals on the autism waitlist

- 4 new individuals were adding on and working on the 5th individuals
- New providers have been added
- Relationship with DCF has been positive and helpful
- Representative Abercrombie is advocating to add 50 additional slots to the budget
- Discussion of prioritizing waitlist though application date is written in the statutes
- Amy Dumont asked for thoughts and ideas from the Council as Waiver is up for renewal at the end of 2022.
- Kathy Bruni has been replaced by Jennifer Cavallaro as the Director of Community Options

Office of Early Childhood Presentation by Alice Ridgway

Connecticut's Birth to Three System

- Supporting families to enhance the development of their child and connect to their communities
- Early Intervention Services
- Birth to Three is a system, not a program
- Main Funder is the Department of Social Services
- 211
- Department of Education
- Department of Public Health
- Oak Hill
- CT Association for Infant Mental Health
- CT B23 System Timeline and ASD
- From Bundled Rates to Fee for Service
- FY21 Direct Service Budget Projections by Revenue Source
- FY19-20 RFP
- Exits from Part C at Age 3 with F84.* on the IFSP
- 2017 Birth Cohort
- 2014 Birth Cohort
- 2017 Birth Cohort Census Estimate 35,560
- Monthly Averages from August 2019-January 2020
- 2014 Average Hours pm on 1st IFSP with F84.*
- 2017 Average Hours pm on 1st IFSP with F84.*
- 2014 Racial/Ethnic Percentages
- 2014 Average Age when 1st IFSP Includes an Autism ICD
- Remote EI AND In-person Visits

- Early Intervention Supports Each Month by R/E and Method*
- Transition Out of Part C
- For Question, contact Koleen.Kerski@ct.gov
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Other Business:

To Do:

- Amy Dumont will invite Bill Halsey to next meet to answer funding questions

Adjournment: 11:57am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 10:00am**